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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1568

Introduced by Committee on Veterans Affairs (Salas (Chair), Cook (Vice Chair), Huber, Lieu, V. Manuel Perez, Saldana, and Yamada) Assembly Member Salas

March 16, 2009

An act to amend Section 14124.11 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to veterans. An act to amend Sections 218, 17207, and 24347.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, to take effect immediately, tax levy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1568, as amended, Committee on Veterans Affairs Salas. Veterans: benefits. Property taxation: disaster relief.

(1) Existing property tax law provides, pursuant to a specified provision of the California Constitution, for a homeowner's property tax exemption in the amount of \$7,000 of the full value of a "dwelling," as defined.

This bill would also provide that any dwelling that qualified for the exemption prior to the commencement dates of the wildfires that were the subject of the Governor's proclamations in October 2008, November 2008, and May 2009, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, and Santa Barbara, and that has not changed ownership since the commencement date of those wildfires, may not be denied the exemption solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged

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or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to wildfires.

The California Constitution requires the Legislature, in each fiscal year, to reimburse local governments for the revenue losses incurred by those governments in that fiscal year as a result of the homeowners' property tax exemption.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to make this required reimbursement in the annual Budget Act. By requiring local tax officials to implement new exemption criteria, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

(2) The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law provide for the carryover to specified taxable years of specified losses sustained as a result of certain disasters occurring in California in an area determined by the President of the United States to warrant specified federal assistance, or proclaimed by the Governor to be in a state of emergency.

This bill would extend these provisions to losses sustained in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, and Santa Barbara as a result of the wildfires that commenced in October 2008, November 2008, or May 2009. This bill would authorize a taxpayer to make an election to claim a deduction for those losses on the tax return for the preceding year.

(3) This bill would take effect immediately as a tax levy.

Existing law establishes the Medi-Cal program, administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which basic health care services are provided to qualified low-income persons. Existing law requires the department, by July 1, 2009, to establish a 2-year pilot program to utilize the federal Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) to identify veterans and their dependents or survivors who are enrolled in the Medi-Cal program and assist them in obtaining federal veteran health care benefits, and to select 3 consenting counties

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that have in operation a United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) medical center to participate in the pilot program.

This bill would delete references to the 2-year pilot program and, instead, require the department, by July 1, 2010, to implement a program to utilize the federal PARIS to identify veterans and their dependents or survivors who are enrolled in the Medi-Cal system and assist them in obtaining federal veteran health care benefits. The bill would eliminate the requirement that the department select 3 consenting counties that have USDVA medical centers to participate in the program.

Because the bill would impose increased duties upon county veterans services officers, this bill would create a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 218 of the Revenue and Taxation Code 2 is amended to read:
 - 218. (a) The homeowners' property tax exemption is in the amount of the assessed value of the dwelling specified in this section, as authorized by subdivision (k) of Section 3 of Article XIII of the *California* Constitution. That exemption shall be in the amount of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) of the full value of the dwelling.
 - (b) The exemption does not extend to property that is rented, vacant, under construction on the lien date, or that is a vacation or secondary home of the owner or owners, nor does it apply to property on which an owner receives the veteran's exemption.
 - (c) For purposes of this section, all of the following apply:
 - (1) "Owner" includes a person purchasing the dwelling under a contract of sale or who holds shares or membership in a cooperative housing corporation, which holding is a requisite to the exclusive right of occupancy of a dwelling.

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(2) (A) "Dwelling" means a building, structure, or other shelter constituting a place of abode, whether real property or personal property, and any land on which it may be situated. A two-dwelling unit shall be considered as two separate single-family dwellings.

- (B) "Dwelling" includes the following:
- (i) A single-family dwelling occupied by an owner thereof as his or her principal place of residence on the lien date.
- (ii) A multiple-dwelling unit occupied by an owner thereof on the lien date as his or her principal place of residence.
- (iii) A condominium occupied by an owner thereof as his or her principal place of residence on the lien date.
- (iv) Premises occupied by the owner of shares or a membership interest in a cooperative housing corporation, as defined in subdivision (i) of Section 61, as his or her principal place of residence on the lien date. Each exemption allowed pursuant to this subdivision shall be deducted from the total assessed valuation of the cooperative housing corporation. The exemption shall be taken into account in apportioning property taxes among owners of share or membership interests in the cooperative housing corporations so as to benefit those owners who qualify for the exemption.
- (d) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to October 20, 1991, that was damaged or destroyed by fire in a disaster, as declared by the Governor, occurring on or after October 20, 1991, and before November 1, 1991, and that has not changed ownership since October 20, 1991, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner.
- (e) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to October 15, 2003, that was damaged or destroyed by fire or earthquake in a disaster, as declared by the Governor, during October, November, or December 2003, and that has not changed ownership since October 15, 2003, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner.
- (f) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to June 3, 2004, that was damaged or destroyed by flood in a disaster, as declared by the Governor, during June 2004,

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and that has not changed ownership since June 3, 2004, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner.

- (g) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to August 11, 2004, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred in Shasta County in a disaster, as declared by the Governor, during August 2004, and that has not changed ownership since August 11, 2004, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner.
- (h) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to December 28, 2004, that was damaged or destroyed by severe rainstorms, floods, mudslides, or the accumulation of debris in a disaster, as declared by the Governor, during December 2004, January 2005, February 2005, March 2005, or June 2005, and that has not changed ownership since December 28, 2004, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to floods, mudslides, the accumulation of debris, or washed-out or damaged roads.
- (i) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to December 19, 2005, that was damaged or destroyed by severe rainstorms, floods, mudslides, or the accumulation of debris in a disaster, as declared by the Governor in January 2006, April 2006, May 2006, or June 2006, and that has not changed ownership since December 19, 2005, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to floods, mudslides, the accumulation of debris, or washed-out or damaged roads.
- (j) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to July 9, 2006, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred in the

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County of San Bernardino, as declared by the Governor in July 2006, and that has not changed ownership since July 9, 2006, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.

- (k) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to the commencement dates of the wildfires listed in the Governor's proclamations of 2006 that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred in the Counties of Riverside and Ventura, and that has not changed ownership since the commencement dates of these disasters as listed in the Governor's proclamations of 2006 shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.
- (*l*) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to January 11, 2007, that was damaged or destroyed by severe freezing conditions, commencing January 11, 2007, and any other related casualty that occurred in the Counties of El Dorado, Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, Tulare, Ventura, and Yuba as a result of a disaster as declared by the Governor, and that has not changed ownership since January 11, 2007, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to severe freezing conditions.
- (m) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to June 24, 2007, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred as a result of this disaster in the County of El Dorado, as declared by the Governor in June 2007, and that has not changed ownership since June 24, 2007, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the

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dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.

- (n) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to July 4, 2007, that was damaged or destroyed by the Zaca Fire and any other related casualty that occurred as a result of this disaster in the Counties of Santa Barbara and Ventura, as declared by the Governor in August 2007, and that has not changed ownership since July 4, 2007, may not be denied an exemption solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the Zaca Fire.
- (o) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to July 6, 2007, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred as a result of this disaster in the County of Inyo, as declared by the Governor in July 2007, and that has not changed ownership since July 6, 2007, may not be denied an exemption solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.
- (p) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to the commencement dates of the wildfires listed in the Governor's disaster proclamations of September 15, 2007, and October 21, 2007, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura, and that has not changed ownership since the commencement dates of these disasters as listed in the proclamations shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.
- (q) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to October 20, 2007, that was damaged or destroyed by the extremely strong and damaging winds and any other related casualty that occurred as a result of this disaster in the County of Riverside, as declared by the Governor in November 2007, and

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that has not changed ownership since October 20, 2007, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the extremely strong and damaging winds.

- (r) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to the commencement dates of the wildfires listed in the Governor's disaster proclamations of May, June, or July 2008, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred in the Counties of Butte, Kern, Mariposa, Mendocino, Monterey, Plumas, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, and Trinity and that has not changed ownership since the commencement dates of these disasters as listed in the proclamations shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.
- (s) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to July 1, 2008, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred as a result of this disaster in the County of Santa Barbara, as declared by the Governor in July 2008, and that has not changed ownership since July 1, 2008, may not be denied an exemption solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.
- (t) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to July 12, 2008, that was damaged or destroyed by severe rainstorms, floods, landslides, or the accumulation of debris in a disaster, as declared by the Governor, in July 2008, and that has not changed ownership since July 12, 2008, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to floods, landslides, the accumulation of debris, or washed-out or damaged roads.

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(u) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to May 22, 2008, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred as a result of this disaster in the County of Humboldt, as declared by the Governor in August 2008, and that has not changed ownership since May 22, 2008, may not be denied an exemption solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.

- (v) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to the commencement dates of the wildfires that were the subject of the Governor's disaster proclamations of October 13, 2008, and November 15, 2008, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred in the Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura and that has not changed ownership since the commencement dates of these wildfires, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.
- (w) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to November 13, 2008, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred as a result of this disaster in the County of Santa Barbara, as declared by the Governor in November 2008, and that has not changed ownership since November 13, 2008, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.
- (x) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to the commencement dates of the wildfires listed in the Governor's disaster proclamations of November 15, 2008, and November 17, 2008, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred as a result of this disaster in the Counties of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino, as declared by the Governor in November 2008, and

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that has not changed ownership since the commencement dates of these disasters as listed in the proclamations, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.

(y) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to May 5, 2009, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred as a result of this disaster in the County of Santa Barbara, as declared by the Governor in May 2009, and that has not changed ownership since May 5, 2009, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.

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- (z) The exemption provided for in subdivision (k) of Section 3 of Article XIII of the *California* Constitution shall first be applied to the building, structure, or other shelter and the excess, if any, shall be applied to any land on which it may be located.
- SEC. 2. Section 17207 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:
- 17207. (a) An excess disaster loss, as defined in subdivision (c), shall be carried to other taxable years as provided in subdivision (b), with respect to losses resulting from any of the following disasters:
- (1) Forest fire or any other related casualty occurring in 1985 in California.
- (2) Storm, flooding, or any other related casualty occurring in 1986 in California.
- (3) Any loss sustained during 1987 as a result of a forest fire or any other related casualty.
- (4) Earthquake, aftershock, or any other related casualty occurring in 1987 in California.
- (5) Earthquake, aftershock, or any other related casualty occurring in 1989 in California.
- 39 (6) Any loss sustained during 1990 as a result of fire or any 40 other related casualty in California.

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(7) Any loss sustained as a result of the Oakland/Berkeley Fire of 1991, or any other related casualty.

- (8) Any loss sustained as a result of storm, flooding, or any other related casualty occurring in February 1992 in California.
- (9) Earthquake, aftershock, or any other related casualty occurring in April 1992 in the County of Humboldt.
- (10) Riots, arson, or any other related casualty occurring in April or May 1992 in California.
- (11) Any loss sustained as a result of the earthquakes that occurred in the County of San Bernardino in June and July of 1992, or any other related casualty.
- (12) Any loss sustained as a result of the Fountain Fire that occurred in the County of Shasta, or as a result of either of the fires in the Counties of Calaveras and Trinity that occurred in August 1992, or any other related casualty.
- (13) Any loss sustained as a result of storm, flooding, or any other related casualty that occurred in the Counties of Alpine, Contra Costa, Fresno, Humboldt, Imperial, Lassen, Los Angeles, Madera, Mendocino, Modoc, Monterey, Napa, Orange, Plumas, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Tehama, Trinity, and Tulare, and the City of Fillmore in January 1993.
- (14) Any loss sustained as a result of a fire that occurred in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura, during October or November of 1993, or any other related casualty.
- (15) Any loss sustained as a result of the earthquake, aftershocks, or any other related casualty that occurred in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura on or after January 17, 1994.
- (16) Any loss sustained as a result of a fire that occurred in the County of San Luis Obispo during August of 1994, or any other related casualty.
- (17) Any loss sustained as a result of the storms or flooding occurring in 1995, or any other related casualty, sustained in any county of this state subject to a disaster declaration with respect to the storms and flooding.
- (18) Any loss sustained as a result of the storms or flooding occurring in December 1996 or January 1997, or any related casualty, sustained in any county of this state subject to a disaster declaration with respect to the storms or flooding.

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(19) Any loss sustained as a result of the storms or flooding occurring in February 1998, or any related casualty, sustained in any county of this state subject to a disaster declaration with respect to the storms or flooding.

- (20) Any loss sustained as a result of a freeze occurring in the winter of 1998–99, or any related casualty, sustained in any county of this state subject to a disaster declaration with respect to the freeze.
- (21) Any loss sustained as a result of an earthquake occurring in September 2000, that was included in the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency for the County of Napa.
- (22) Any loss sustained as a result of the Middle River levee break in San Joaquin County occurring in June 2004.
- (23) Any losses sustained as a result of the fires that occurred in the Counties of Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura in October and November 2003, or as a result of floods, mudflows, and debris flows, directly related to fires.
- (24) Any losses sustained in the Counties of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo as a result of the San Simeon earthquake, aftershocks, and any other related casualties.
- (25) Any losses sustained as a result of the wildfires that occurred in Shasta County, commencing August 11, 2004, and any other related casualty.
- (26) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura as a result of the severe rainstorms, related flooding and slides, and any other related casualties, that occurred in December 2004, January 2005, February 2005, March 2005, or June 2005.
- 30 (27) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Alameda, Alpine,
- Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Humboldt, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Marin,
- 33 Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer,
- Humas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo,
- 35 Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus,
- 36 Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba as a result of
- 37 the severe rainstorms, related flooding and slides, and any other
- related casualties, that occurred in December 2005, January 2006,
- 39 March 2006, or April 2006.

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(28) Any loss sustained in the County of San Bernardino as a result of the wildfires that occurred in July 2006.

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- (29) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Riverside and Ventura as a result of wildfires that occurred during the 2006 calendar year.
- 5 (30) Any loss sustained in the Counties of El Dorado, Fresno, 6 Imperial, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, Riverside, San 7 Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa 8 Clara, Stanislaus, Tulare, Ventura, and Yuba that were the subject 9 of the Governor's proclamations of a state of emergency for the 10 severe freezing conditions that occurred in January 2007.
 - (31) Any loss sustained in the County of El Dorado as a result of wildfires that occurred in June 2007.
 - (32) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Santa Barbara and Ventura as a result of the Zaca Fire that occurred during the 2007 calendar year.
 - (33) Any loss sustained in the County of Inyo as a result of wildfires that commenced in July 2007.
 - (34) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura as a result of wildfires that occurred during the 2007 calendar year that were the subject of the Governor's disaster proclamations of September 15, 2007, and October 21, 2007.
 - (35) Any loss sustained in the County of Riverside as a result of extremely strong and damaging winds that occurred in October 2007.
- 26 (36) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Butte, Kern, 27 Mariposa, Mendocino, Monterey, Plumas, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, 28 Shasta, and Trinity as a result of wildfires that occurred in May or 29 June 2008 that were the subject of the Governor's proclamations 30 of a state of emergency.
- 31 (37) Any loss sustained in the County of Santa Barbara as a result of wildfires that occurred in July 2008.
 - (38) Any loss sustained in the County of Inyo as a result of the severe rainstorms, related flooding and landslides, and any other related casualties, that occurred in July 2008.
- 36 (39) Any loss sustained in the County of Humboldt as a result of wildfires that commenced in May 2008.
- 38 (40) Any loss sustained in the County of Santa Barbara as a result of wildfires that commenced in November 2008.

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 (41) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura as a result of wildfires that commenced in October 2008 or November 2008 that were the subject of the Governor's proclamations of a state of emergency.

- (42) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino as a result of wildfires that commenced in November 2008.
- (43) Any loss sustained in the County of Santa Barbara as a result of wildfires that commenced in May 2009.
- (b) (1) In the case of any loss allowed under Section 165(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, relating to limitation of losses of individuals, any excess disaster loss shall be carried forward to each of the five taxable years following the taxable year for which the loss is claimed. However, if there is any excess disaster loss remaining after the five-year period, then the applicable percentage, as set forth in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 17276, of that excess disaster loss shall be carried forward to each of the next 10 taxable years.
- (2) The entire amount of any excess disaster loss as defined in subdivision (c) shall be carried to the earliest of the taxable years to which, by reason of subdivision (b), the loss may be carried. The portion of the loss which shall be carried to each of the other taxable years shall be the excess, if any, of the amount of excess disaster loss over the sum of the adjusted taxable income for each of the prior taxable years to which that excess disaster loss is carried.
- (c) "Excess disaster loss" means a disaster loss computed pursuant to Section 165 of the Internal Revenue Code which exceeds the adjusted taxable income of the year of loss or, if the election under Section 165(i) of the Internal Revenue Code is made, the adjusted taxable income of the year preceding the loss.
- (d) The provisions of this section and Section 165(i) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be applicable to any of the losses listed in subdivision (a) sustained in any county or city in this state which was proclaimed by the Governor to be in a state of disaster.
- (e) Losses allowable under this section may not be taken into account in computing a net operating loss deduction under Section 172 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (f) For purposes of this section, "adjusted taxable income" shall be defined by Section 1212(b)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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(g) For losses described in paragraphs (15) to (39) (43), inclusive, of subdivision (a), the election under Section 165(i) of the Internal Revenue Code may be made on a return or amended return filed on or before the due date of the return (determined with regard to extension) for the taxable year in which the disaster occurred.

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- SEC. 3. Section 24347.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:
- 24347.5. (a) An excess disaster loss, as defined in subdivision (c), shall be carried to other taxable years as provided in subdivision (b), with respect to losses resulting from any of the following disasters:
- (1) Forest fire or any other related casualty occurring in 1985 in California.
- (2) Storm, flooding, or any other related casualty occurring in 1986 in California.
- (3) Any loss sustained during 1987 as a result of a forest fire or any other related casualty.
- (4) Earthquake, aftershock, or any other related casualty occurring in October 1987 in California.
- (5) Earthquake, aftershock, or any other related casualty occurring in October 1989 in California.
- (6) Any loss sustained during 1990 as a result of fire or any other related casualty in California.
- (7) Any loss sustained as a result of the Oakland/Berkeley Fire of 1991, or any other related casualty.
- (8) Any loss sustained as a result of storm, flooding, or any other related casualty occurring in February 1992 in California.
- (9) Earthquake, aftershock, or any other related casualty occurring in April 1992 in the County of Humboldt.
- (10) Riots, arson, or any other related casualty occurring in April or May 1992 in California.
- (11) Any loss sustained as a result of the earthquakes or any other related casualty that occurred in the County of San Bernardino in June and July of 1992.
- (12) Any loss sustained as a result of the Fountain Fire that 36 occurred in the County of Shasta, or as a result of either of the 38 fires in the Counties of Calaveras and Trinity that occurred in
- 39 August 1992, or any other related casualty.

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1 (13) Any loss sustained as a result of storm, flooding, or any

- 2 other related casualty that occurred in the Counties of Alpine,
- Contra Costa, Fresno, Humboldt, Imperial, Lassen, Los Angeles,
 Madera, Mendocino, Modoc, Monterey, Napa, Orange, Plumas,
- 5 Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Sierra,
- 6 Siskiyou, Sonoma, Tehama, Trinity, and Tulare, and the City of Fillmore in January 1993.
- 8 (14) Any loss sustained as a result of a fire that occurred in the 9 Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San 10 Diego, and Ventura, during October or November of 1993, or any 11 other related casualty.
 - (15) Any loss sustained as a result of the earthquake, aftershocks, or any other related casualty that occurred in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura on or after January 17, 1994.
 - (16) Any loss sustained as a result of a fire that occurred in the County of San Luis Obispo during August of 1994, or any other related casualty.
 - (17) Any loss sustained as a result of the storms or flooding occurring in 1995, or any other related casualty, sustained in any county of this state subject to a disaster declaration with respect to the storms and flooding.
 - (18) Any loss sustained as a result of the storms or flooding occurring in December 1996 or January 1997, or any related casualty, sustained in any county of this state subject to a disaster declaration with respect to the storms or flooding.
 - (19) Any loss sustained as a result of the storms or flooding occurring in February 1998, or any related casualty, sustained in any county of this state subject to a disaster declaration with respect to the storms or flooding.
 - (20) Any loss sustained as a result of a freeze occurring in the winter of 1998–99, or any related casualty, sustained in any county of this state subject to a disaster declaration with respect to the freeze.
 - (21) Any loss sustained as a result of an earthquake occurring in September 2000, that was included in the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency for the County of Napa.
- 37 (22) Any loss sustained as a result of the Middle River levee 38 break in San Joaquin County occurring in June 2004.
- 39 (23) Any losses sustained as a result of the fires that occurred 40 in the Counties of Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, San

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Diego, and Ventura in October and November 2003, or as a result
 of floods, mudflows, and debris flows, directly related to fires.

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- (24) Any losses sustained in the Counties of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo as a result of the San Simeon earthquake, aftershocks, and any other related casualties.
- (25) Any losses sustained as a result of the wildfires that occurred in Shasta County, commencing August 11, 2004, and any other related casualty.
- (26) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura as a result of the severe rainstorms, related flooding and slides, and any other related casualties, that occurred in December 2004, January 2005, February 2005, March 2005, or June 2005.
- 15 (27) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Alameda, Alpine, 16 Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El 17 Dorado, Fresno, Humboldt, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Marin, 18 Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, 19 Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, 20 21 Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba as a result of 22 the severe rainstorms, related flooding and slides, and any other 23 related casualties, that occurred in December 2005, January 2006, 24 March 2006, or April 2006.
 - (28) Any loss sustained in the County of San Bernardino as a result of the wildfires that occurred in July 2006.
 - (29) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Riverside and Ventura as a result of wildfires that occurred during the 2006 calendar year.
- 29 (30) Any loss sustained in the Counties of El Dorado, Fresno, 30 Imperial, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, Riverside, San 31 Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa 32 Clara, Stanislaus, Tulare, Ventura, and Yuba that were the subject 33 of the Governor's proclamations of a state of emergency for the 34 severe freezing conditions that occurred in January 2007.
- 35 (31) Any loss sustained in the County of El Dorado as a result of wildfires that occurred in June 2007.
- 37 (32) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Santa Barbara and 38 Ventura as a result of the Zaca Fire that occurred during the 2007 39 calendar year.

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1 (33) Any loss sustained in the County of Inyo as a result of wildfires that commenced in July 2007.

- 3 (34) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, 4 Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura 5 as a result of wildfires that occurred during the 2007 calendar year 6 that were the subject of the Governor's disaster proclamations of 7 September 15, 2007, and October 21, 2007.
 - (35) Any loss sustained in the County of Riverside as a result of extremely strong and damaging winds that occurred in October 2007.
 - (36) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Butte, Kern, Mariposa, Mendocino, Monterey, Plumas, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, and Trinity as a result of wildfires that occurred in May or June 2008 that were the subject of the Governor's proclamations of a state of emergency.
 - (37) Any loss sustained in the County of Santa Barbara as a result of wildfires that occurred in July 2008.
 - (38) Any loss sustained in the County of Inyo as a result of the severe rainstorms, related flooding and landslides, and any other related casualties, that occurred in July 2008.
 - (39) Any loss sustained in the County of Humboldt as a result of wildfires that commenced in May 2008.
 - (40) Any loss sustained in the County of Santa Barbara as a result of wildfires that commenced in November 2008.
 - (41) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura as a result of wildfires that commenced in October 2008 or November 2008 that were the subject of the Governor's proclamations of a state of emergency.
 - (42) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino as a result of wildfires that commenced in November 2008.
 - (43) Any loss sustained in the County of Santa Barbara as a result of wildfires that commenced in May 2009.
- 34 (b) (1) In the case of any loss allowed under Section 165 of the 35 Internal Revenue Code, relating to losses, any excess disaster loss 36 shall be carried forward to each of the five taxable years following 37 the taxable year for which the loss is claimed. However, if there 38 is any excess disaster loss remaining after the five-year period, 39 then the applicable percentage, as set forth in paragraph (1) of

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subdivision (b) of Section 24416, of that excess disaster loss shall be carried forward to each of the next 10 taxable years.

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- (2) The entire amount of any excess disaster loss as defined in subdivision (c) shall be carried to the earliest of the taxable years to which, by reason of subdivision (b), the loss may be carried. The portion of the loss which shall be carried to each of the other taxable years shall be the excess, if any, of the amount of excess disaster loss over the sum of the net income for each of the prior taxable years to which that excess disaster loss is carried.
- (c) "Excess disaster loss" means a disaster loss computed pursuant to Section 165 of the Internal Revenue Code, which exceeds the net income of the year of loss or, if the election under Section 165(i) of the Internal Revenue Code is made, the net income of the year preceding the loss.
- (d) The provisions of this section and Section 165(i) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be applicable to any of the losses listed in subdivision (a) sustained in any county or city in this state which was proclaimed by the Governor to be in a state of disaster.
- (e) Any corporation subject to the provisions of Section 25101 or 25101.15 that has disaster losses pursuant to this section, shall determine the excess disaster loss to be carried to other taxable years under the principles specified in Section 25108 relating to net operating losses.
- (f) Losses allowable under this section may not be taken into account in computing a net operating loss deduction under Section 172 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (g) For losses described in paragraphs (15) to—(39) (43), inclusive, of subdivision (a), the election under Section 165(i) of the Internal Revenue Code may be made on a return or amended return filed on or before the due date of the return (determined with regard to extension) for the taxable year in which the disaster occurred.
- SEC. 4. It is the intent of the Legislature to provide in the annual Budget Act those additional reimbursements to local governments that, as a result of Section 1 of this act, are required by Section 25 of Article XIII of the California Constitution.
- SEC. 5. The Legislature finds and declares that this act fulfills a statewide public purpose because of all of the following:
- (a) The Governor of California has officially proclaimed a state of emergency declaring that the wildfires that occurred within the

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1 Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura, commencing in October 2 2008 or November 2008, constitute conditions of extreme peril to 3 public health and safety to persons and property within those 4 counties, thus qualifying affected persons for various forms of 5 governmental assistance and relief.

- (b) The Governor of California has officially proclaimed a state of emergency declaring that the wildfires that occurred within the Counties of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino, commencing in November 2008, constitute conditions of extreme peril to public health and safety to persons and property within those counties, thus qualifying affected persons for various forms of governmental assistance and relief.
- (c) The Governor of California has officially proclaimed a state of emergency declaring that the wildfires that occurred within the County of Santa Barbara, commencing in November 2008 or May 2009, constitute conditions of extreme peril to public health and safety to persons and property within that county, thus qualifying affected persons for various forms of governmental assistance and relief.
- (d) This act is consistent with, and supplements, the proclaimed disaster assistance and relief by providing necessary fiscal assistance and tax relief to affected jurisdictions and persons to allow them to maintain essential basic services and repair damage to, and restore, their homes and businesses.
- SEC. 6. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
- SEC. 7. This act provides for a tax levy within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect.
- SECTION 1. Section 14124.11 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:
- 14124.11. (a) The department shall establish a program to utilize the federal Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) to identify veterans and their dependents or survivors who are enrolled in the Medi-Cal program and assist them in obtaining federal veteran health care benefits.
- (b) Under the program, the department shall exchange information with PARIS and identify veterans and their dependents

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or survivors who are receiving Medi-Cal benefits in the program counties.

- (c) The department shall refer identified Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are receiving high-cost services, including long-term care, to county veteran service officers (CVSOs) to obtain information regarding, and assistance in obtaining, USDVA benefits.
- (d) Prior to commencement of the program, the department shall do all of the following:
- (1) Enter into an agreement with the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) to perform CVSO outreach services in connection with the program. The CDVA agreement shall contain performance standards that would allow the department to measure the effectiveness of the program.
- (2) Enter into any agreements that are required by the federal government to utilize the PARIS system.
- (3) Perform any information technology activities that are necessary to utilize the PARIS system.
- (e) The department shall monitor the program, evaluate the outcomes and savings, and provide the fiscal committees of the Legislature with a report on the findings and recommendations.
- (f) Notwithstanding Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, the department may implement, interpret, or make specific, this section by means of written directives without taking further regulatory action.
- (g) The department shall implement the program by July 1, 2010.
- (h) In order to achieve maximum cost savings the Legislature hereby determines that an expedited contract process for contracts under this section is necessary. Therefore, contracts under this section shall be exempt from the Public Contract Code and from Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 11250) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
- SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.